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# **MEDIA**

News brief issued on Yosemite Slough settlements: <u>U.S. EPA directs public and private efforts to design cleanup plan for</u> Yosemite Slough Michele Huitric

Media coverage from last week's California Green Business Pollution Prevention Grant event:

Bay Crossings Magazine: EPA Honors Three Oakland Small Businesses for Green Commitment (Michele Huitric)

**NBC Asian America:** Writer Agnes Constante is working on an article about the EJ grant EPA awarded to Asian Health Services. She has requested a statement about why EPA chose to award the grant to AHS. ENF/SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

**KQED:** Science reporter Lesley McClurg provided questions about the EJ grant to Asian Health Services for a possible future story. Provided written response. ENF/SF (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

French and German TV Channel "Arte": Reporter Fanny Bouteiller is researching the "zero waste" policy of San Francisco and the business of recycling. She has been in touch with Recology and now has questions for EPA about recycling in California. Provided written response. LAND (v) CLOSED: Michele Huitric

**KPIX/CBS (San Francisco)**: Reporter Leslie Donaldson is asking for updates on the Iron Mountain Superfund site and the possibility of visiting the site. Reporter checked in on the status of her request. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

San Francisco State University: Journalism student Alena Naiden has questions about the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard cleanup, with a focus on Tetra Tech's involvement. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

**Media coverage** from last week's release: <u>U.S. EPA Requires Plastic Manufacturer Protect Santa Clara River from Pollution.</u>

- **KVTA Radio:** Reporter Alex Wilson spoke to David Wampler about the case. Story to run Friday or Monday. Waiting to hear back from reporter. ENF. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.
- Hydro Carbon Processing: <u>US EPA, Canyon Plastics come to agreement about Clean Water Act violations</u>. ENF.
  CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.
- KCLU (California Coast NPR): EPA Reaches Settlement With Plastics Company Over Pollution Concerns In South Coast River. ENF. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.
- Plastic News: California molder ordered to clean up pellet discharges. ENF. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

**CBS 5 San Francisco:** Reporter Whitney Gould was looking for EPA's response to CEH's report about toxic chemicals in cash register receipts and their recommendation to have receipts emailed rather than printed. Referred inquiry to HQ who responded. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi/Julia Valentine.

**Yale Student:** Student Corey Creedon is writing a story for the Center for Business and the Environment at Yale and is looking to speak to someone regarding South Coast air issues and the EJ Bill. Asked student to send me additional information/questions for his request. AIR/EJ. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Orange County Register:** Reporter Lily Leung was looking to see if EPA has received any odor complaints for vessels off the coast of Huntington Beach. Also wants to know if EPA is able to enforce these types of vessels and any past similar cases. Referred reporter to CARB/Coast Guard. ENF. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

**Navajo Times:** Reporter Krista Allen requested additional comment on NTUA announcement, worked with program on statement, sent statement: CLOSED: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) ENF

## **WEB & SOCIAL**

#### Social Media:

**Children's Health** – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the new report, <u>Two Decades of Enhancing Children's</u> Environmental Health Protection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## Web Updates:

**Four Corners Power Plant** – Published a link to the Federal Register notice about the Federal Implementation Plan to our <u>Navajo Air Actions</u> page.

#### CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**CA Speaker Anthony Rendon:** Brent Maier received an inquiry from Marie Lieu who works in Speaker Rendon's office regarding the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site in Maywood, CA. Marie asked what impacts, if any, might be contemplated with the new incoming Administration for cleanups such as the Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site. Brent let Marie know that it is still too early to tell and that the Congress is working this week on a new Continuing Resolution to fund the government for at least the next three months.

Congressional Outreach on Yosemite Slough Press Release: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Nancy Pelosi announcing that EPA has reached two settlements with several parties to begin cleanup of Yosemite Slough, an inter-tidal water channel in the Bayview District of San Francisco. The site contains high levels of contaminants, especially PCBs and lead, which are hazardous for the plants and animals that live in the slough. People can also be at risk if they eat contaminated fish and shellfish.

**Rep. Steven Knight (R-CA-25):** At the request of Water Division's Bola Odusoga, Brent Maier shared with Congressman Knight's Lisa Moulton, District Director, and Brandon Eden, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director a PDF copy of a letter dated December 2, 2016 that EPA sent last week to Matthew Knudson, Assistant General Manager of the Palmdale Water District regarding a FY2010 earmark grant for a water main replacement. Our describes EPA's attempts to secure a completed grant applications package, however no grant application package has been received to date. Our letter advises Mr. Knudson that no further notice will be given and that EPA states in our December 2, 2016 letter that these funds will be returned to EPA Headquarters so that they may be used to meet future Congressional rescissions. Rescinded funds are returned to the U.S. Treasury and are no longer available for award.

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23):** Kyle Lombardi, Legislative Director for Rep. Kevin McCarthy has confirmed his availability for a call for this Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with Water Division's Mike Montgomery and David Albright to provide an update on the issue of aquifer exemptions. Kyle Lombardi had requested this call during our last update call.

Tomorrow - Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - HQ EPA to Host National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) Agriculture Task Force: On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, HQ EPA will host members of the National Conference of State Legislators' (NCSL) Agriculture Task Force. A group of about 15 state legislators will meet with representatives from OW, OAR, OGC, and OPP to discuss RFS, pesticides, the Clean Water Rule, and more. NCSL is hosting its annual Winter Meeting in DC that week. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz

**Tomorrow - Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – House Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Both Janet McCabe and Cynthia Giles will represent EPA before the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce at a hearing titled: "Volkswagen's Emissions Cheating Settlement: Questions Concerning ZEV Program Implementation."

**Plum Book:** The Plum Book has been released, featuring 9,000 political jobs available in the Trump administration. http://bit.ly/2gHYaDY

## Legislative Action:

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act: House and Senate negotiators released a compromise Water Resources Development Act bill this afternoon. They plan to send it to President Obama before the end of the week. The "Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act," <u>S. 612</u>, authorizes \$170 million for communities facing drinking water emergencies, including related to lead. The legislation also includes a provision for EPA to reimburse states and tribes for costs associated with the Gold King mine spill. But Senate Environment and Public Works ranking member Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said she would oppose the measure if the drought provision proposed by House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) is included. McCarthy's proposal would clear the way for increased pumping of water from California's Bay Delta region to agricultural regions and other areas hit by drought. Despite the bipartisan tone of McCarthy's statement, a handful of Democratic lawmakers from California <u>wrote</u> to the Obama administration's Council on Environmental Quality urging the administration to oppose McCarthy's move.

**Upcoming Congressional and Intergovernmental Meetings:** 

Tuesday - Wednesday, January 17 – 18, 2017 - US Conference of Mayors to Convene in January 2017: USCM's 85th Annual Winter Meeting will convene in Washington, DC January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Mick Cornett (Oklahoma City, OK) serves as President. Mayors Mitch Landrieu (New Orleans, LA), and Stephen K. Benjamin (Columbia, SC) are Vice President and Second Vice President, respectively. Policy Committees and Task Forces will convene during the conference. Resolutions are not considered during the Winter Meeting; however, the conference provides an opportunity for the mayors to hear from Administration officials and key federal agency program staff. The Mayors Water Council will meet on Tuesday, January 17th, and will be extending an invitation to the Assistant Administrator for Water to engage with the Task Force. Mayors Joy Cooper (Hallandale Beach, FL), and Jill Techel (Napa, CA), serve as Co-Chairs. The Environment Committee (Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, AZ, Chair) will meet on Wednesday, January 18th. USCM staff will confirm any federal agency representatives the committee is interested in inviting across the administration, including EPA. OIR will manage EPA's participation in the Winter Meeting, including all invitations for speakers or private meetings. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon